

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Credit Card Fraud Investigation**

**PULLMAN** – The Pullman Police Department is investigating a number of credit card frauds victimizing Pullman and local area residents. Approximately forty cases of credit card fraud have been reported to Pullman PD since September 19, 2011. The fraudulent purchases generally have been for out-of-state and overseas purchases ranging from \$100 to \$1,000, with some charges of less than \$10 believed to be “tests” of the credit card number. While some of the purchases have been online transactions, others appear to be on-site transactions involving the use of fraudulent credit cards. Pullman PD investigators are working with the U.S. Secret Service to identify the perpetrators and how the credit card information was acquired.

Residents who believe they have been a victim of credit card fraud should first contact their credit card issuer to report the fraud and cancel their card, and then contact the Pullman Police Department to initiate a criminal investigation. To initiate a criminal investigation, victims will need to provide to police the credit card number, where the suspected fraudulent purchase was charged, and the amount of the charge. Providing the two most recent credit card statements is also helpful to investigators.

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